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NOTES SOVIET INTERESTS AND PERSONNEL IN CHINA

The pro-KMT Hong Kong newspapers, between 3 September and 21 November 1950, reveal a large number of Soviet personnel assigned to China and special Soviet interest in strategic locations and materials in China.

Approximately 150,000 Soviet personnel not including those in the outlying areas are stationed throughout China; 400,000 are stationed in Sinkiang alone.

Of Shanghai's 20,000 Soviet personnel, 15,000 have been transferred to the Northeast.

Five Soviet air instructors are assigned to Canton to train the Chinese Communist Air Force personnel to handle Soviet aircraft.

Twenty-seven Soviet advisors arrived at San-ya, Hainan, to study the natural resources in the area. Yu-lin Chiang, Hainan, has been converted into a submarine base for the USSR, and Hai-ting Airfield in Hai-k'ou is undergoing repairs.

150,000 SOVIET PERSONNEL IN CHINA -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 13 Sep 50

Taihoku, 12 September -- Approximately 150,000 [Figures given below total 175,590] Soviet personnel are reported to be in China. There are 1,540 distributed among the 70 regular Chinese Communist armies, which have five advisors attached to each division, and from six to eight to each army headquarters. This averages about 22 Soviet advisers in each Chinese Communist army. In addition, there are approximately 460 Soviet personnel attached to high-level military agencies such as army group headquarters, field army headquarters, and military district headquarters. The total number of Soviet personnel with the Chinese Communist ground forces is thus estimated to be about 2,000.

There are at least 240 Soviet advisers attached to the navy, and 350 attached to the CCAF (Chinese Communist Air Force). Also attached to the CCAF are 13,000 Soviet technicians, including 2,500 Soviet antiaircraft personnel.

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There are approximately 18,000 Soviet intelligence agents in Communist China, representing themselves as Russian-language teachers, physicians, and authors. Approximately 20,000 regular USSR soldiers are stationed at Shan-hai-kuan, and since the Korean conflict, 120,000 Soviet troops have been stationed in Northeast China which includes the Port Arthur and Dairen area. The above-mentioned Soviet personnel do not include those who are assigned to guard duty along rail lines and stationed in rural areas.

200,000 SOVIETS TRAIN SINKIANG PEOPLE'S ARMY -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 18 Oct 50

It is reported that 200,000 of the 400,000 Soviet personnel in Sinkiang are engaged in training the Sinkiang People's Army, while the remaining 200,000 are scientists, including mining specialists.

15,000 SHANGHAI SOVIET PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED TO NORTHEAST -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 21 Nov 50

Taihoku, 20 November -- It has been reported that 15,000 Soviet advisers and technicians, including engineers, air force ground crew personnel, medical specialists, and others, formerly stationed at Shanghai, have been transferred to the Northeast, leaving only 4,000 Soviet personnel in the city. In May 1950, there were approximately 20,000 in Shanghai, making preparations to attack Taiwan, but since the Korean conflict started, the emphasis has shifted to the Northeast.

It has been further reported that, to cope with the present international crisis, Stalin has placed, in various key positions in the Chinese Communist forces and high command headquarters, 4,000 hand-picked Chinese who have studied in the Soviet Union for more than 3 years and who are taking their orders from Moscow. These men, completely loyal to Stalin, have been given absolute authority over all activities without being accountable even to the Peiping government. Such personnel include Hsiao Lin-ta (1) /numbers refer to appended characters/, Chief of the CCF First Field Army Political Headquarters; Liu K'uei-chi (2), a representative on the staff of the Third Field Army General Headquarters; and Li T'ieh-yu (3), a representative in the Naval Forces.

FIVE SOVIET AIR INSTRUCTORS TRANSFERRED TO CANTON -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 16 Sep 50

Canton, 15 September -- Five Soviet air force instructors arrived at Canton from the Hung-ch'iao area in Shanghai to train Chinese Communist Air Force personnel stationed in Canton in handling Soviet-made aircraft.

Last week, two Russian jet planes flew into Canton during the night and landed at Pai-yun airfield. At present, these jet planes are in a hangar at a Canton air base.

27 SOVIET ADVISERS ARRIVE AT HAINAN -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao, 30 Sep 50

Taihoku, 29 September -- A KMT spokesman reports that 27 Soviet advisers reached San-ya in southern Hainan on 19 September 1950 to assist in the study of the natural resources in the area. Hainan is reported to be rich in iron ore.

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YU-LIN CHIANG BECOMES USSR SUBMARINE BASE -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang Jih-pao,
3 Sep 50

Taihoku, 2 September -- A well-informed source reports that the Soviet Union has converted Yu-lin Chiang in Hainan into a Soviet submarine base. Witnesses have seen the submarines on the surface. It is reported that over 150 Soviet advisers, engineers, and technicians have been working to convert this harbor into an important USSR base. Over 5,000 local civilians were mobilized for this project which was completed in August 1950.

Since Hai-ting Airfield in Fai-k'ou was heavily bombed by the KMT Air Force, repairs are still being made.

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